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LAUNCH OF SPACECRAFT
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to undertake design, development and launch of GSAT-8/ INSAT-4G spacecraft;

(b) the present status of the spacecraft and benefits likely to accrue as a result of its launching; and

(c) the estimated cost and the target for its launch?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The satellite is under initial stages of realisation. The launch of GSAT-8/ INSAT-4G satellite with 18 Ku-band high power transponders and a navigation payload will considerably improve much needed Ku-band capacity for DTH like applications and provide redundancy to the navigation payload.

(c) The total estimated cost including launch services and insurance is Rs.610 crores. The satellite is planned for launch in the first quarter of 2009.